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AMBASSADOR BENNETT SEPTEMBER 10 MADE ORAL DEMARCH AND PRESENTED AIDE-MEMOIRE TO DEMOCRATIC YEMEN UN PERMREP ASHTAL, PROTESTING PDRY CONTINUED MISTREATMENT OF U.S. CITIZENS. DISCUSSION WAS IN CORRECT TONE DESPITE BENNETT'S STRONG AND UNEQUIVOCAL STATEMENT OF DEEP U.S. CONCERN OVER A SITUATION HE CHARACTERIZED AS INTOLERABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE. ASHTAL WAS FAMILIAR WITH TORHAN CASE BUT CLAIMED TO KNOW NOTHING ABOUT KOPP'S DETENTION. HE BELIEVED TORHAN WAS ON VERGE OF BEING BROUGHT TO TRAIL. BENNETT RECALLED THAT AMCITS HAVE BEEN TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS IN PRISON IMCOMMUNICADO CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THAT WE HAD BEEN TOLD BEFORE THAT TRAIL WOULD BE HELD "SOON". BENNETT ASKED WHETHER PDRY WOULD ACCEPT VISIT OF U.S. CONSULAR OFFICIAL TO SEE TORHAN AND KOPP. ASHTAL PROMISED TO RAISE U.S. DEMARCHE URGENTLY WITH HIS FOREIGN MINISTER WHO WILL, INCIDENTALLY, CONFIDENTIAL

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